

CEREAL AND HAY HARVEST, 1924-25.

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Forecast based on prospects as at end of November.

WHEAT- 32,910,000 (34,551,955) Bush. Average 13.19 (14.29 Bush.

Following the usual methods, the various Police Officers in the Agricultural Areas furnished general Reports respecting each of the Hundreds of the State and as a base for these reports, individual returns were obtained from roughly 10% of the farmers in each District. These Reports numbering about 500 were subjected to analysis and the crop estimated therefrom for the different wheat centres, the aggregate of which furnishing the figures for the whole State.

The estimate made for the Treasurer's Budget in October of 13.1 bushels per acre is fully supported by the November Reports now summarised.-

There is every promise of the Wheat, Barley, Oaten and Hay crops all yielding satisfactory returns with a present high market value for Wheat and Barley.

ACREAGE CULTIVATED. The acreage reported by farmers as sown for all purposes with Wheat, Barley and Oats shows an increase of 65,500 acres- Wheat and Oats show increases of 33,000 and 39,500 acres respectively and Barley a decrease of 7,000 acres.

WHEAT- 2,847,000 (2,814,027) acres- Grain 2,495,000 acres; Hay 340,000 acres; Fed Off &c. 12,000 acres. The grain area includes 22,000 acres reported as total failure. BARLEY- 188,000 (194,831) acres- Grain 180,000 acres; Fed Off &c. 8,000 acres. OATS- 460,000 (420,698) acres- Grain 180,000 acres; Hay 265,000 acres; Fed Off &c. 15,000 acres.

ESTIMATED YIELDS.

WHEAT- 32,910,000 (34,551,955) bushels. Average 13.19 (14.29 bushels. Barley- 3,000,000 (3,310,716) bushels. Average 16.67 (17.44) " Oats - 2,300,000 (2,157,938) bushels. Average 12.78 (12.24) " Hay - Wheat 443,700 tons. Oaten 295,000 tons. Total 738,700 tons. Average 1.22 (1.23) tons per acre. (762,153)

Division	Wheat			Wheaten Hay		Oaten Hay
	Acres	Bushels	Aver.	Acres	Tons	Tons
Central	484,500	7,510,000	15.50	140,000	226,000	103,500
Lower North	750,000	12,800,000	17.07	92,000	130,000	49,000
Upper North	207,000	2,430,000	11.74	30,000	30,500	1,500
Sth. Eastern	29,500	510,000	17.29	1,000	1,200	41,500
Western	521,000	4,670,000	8.96	31,000	19,000	27,000
Murray Mallee	503,000	4,990,000	9.92	46,000	37,000	72,500
Grand Total	2,495,000	32,910,000	13.19	340,000	443,700	295,000
Actual 1923-24	2,418,415	34,551,955	14.29	381,962	500,572	261,581

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